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REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2, indicated as allowable in item 3 on page 3 of the Official Action. Therefore, the rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC §103(a) has been rendered moot.

Having thus overcome the sole rejection made in the Official Action, withdrawal of the rejection and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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